



Pacifica School Volunteers is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides a comprehensive program to support the education and well being of children in Pacifica's public schools. We have grown from our start in 1997 with 23 volunteers in one school to a network of more than 500 volunteers helping children in all nine public schools in Pacifica. In 2014-2015, we completed over 27,000 volunteer hours with our local students. Our programs include:

- **Weekly Volunteers** — Community, college and high-school age volunteers work one-on-one or in small groups with children in Pacifica schools helping them with reading, math and other subjects ranging from art to music and STEM programs.
- **Education Workshops for Parents and Volunteers**— Literacy and math experts train volunteers, parents and family members to help children improve their basic academic skills. PSV hosts parent education workshops in schools. Through PSV "Lunch and Learn" and other programs, in turn, we equip our volunteers with specific strategies to become more effective in tutoring and encouraging children's advancement.
- **Kindergarten Readiness** — Parents and family members receive an orientation and are recruited and placed as volunteers in kindergarten readiness camps running June/July. These programs help prepare children who are entering school in the fall and provide valuable skills to the families for future success.
- **Read Aloud Days** — In celebration of literacy, PSV organizes annual literacy events. Community members, such as members of public office and community business leaders visit classrooms and read a chosen book or story. Modeling a love of reading motivates children to discover books on their own.
- **Young Authors** —In partnership with the local schools and PTOs, PSV co-hosts Author workshops and school assemblies where local celebrity authors are invited to read and discuss the creative process and writing.
- **ThinkBridge Summer Camp** — A Pacifica summer camp program offering young minds age 6-12 an opportunity to explore new ideas, analyze situations and solve problems creatively through innovative thinking lessons, math games, music instruction, computing and robotics.
- **Oceana High School Senior Projects Exhibition** —Local and Bay-Area professionals mentor and evaluate Senior Exhibitions of Oceana High School students, a year-long research project culminating in an oral presentation and written report.
- **Outreach**—PSV participates in local events, such as Pacifica's Ecofest/Earthday (April) and Family Day at Pacifica's Fogfest (Sept.), increasing our visibility with local residents and families. We also support Math Nights, and other school events.

Pacifica's schools struggle inevitably with budget shortages and changing programs. Our dedicated teachers, staff and parents work diligently to provide a quality education for local students, but volunteers are needed to support these families and professionals. Pacifica School Volunteers is dedicated to engaging our community and to promoting literacy, math, and helping children succeed in school.

inspiring learning. connecting community.